



Report to the Legislature

Services to Persons with Disabilities who request to move from Residential Habilitation Centers to the Community under the US Supreme Court Decision on Olmstead

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EXECUTIVE REVIEW

Chapter 7, Laws of 2001, E2, Section 205(1) requires the Department of Social and Health Services' Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) to report quarterly on the implementation of individuals moving from the Residential Habilitation Centers (RHCs) to the community. This report covers the quarter ending September 30, 2002. Thirty-one (31) of the 54 people expressing a desire to move have now moved.

BACKGROUND

In response to the U.S. Supreme Court decision on *Olmstead v. L.C.*, the Washington State Legislature appropriated funds to the Division of Developmental Disabilities to provide community options for people living in the state RHCs. The legislature provided funding to move 80 people at a cost of no more than \$280 per day.

PROCESS

Through a process adopted by the division, each individual living in an RHC and their guardians or close relatives, was asked whether they wanted to move to the community. In preparation for a budget request for the 2001-03 Biennium, an estimate was made as to the number of people who would choose to move and their approximate costs. The initial estimate was 90 individuals at an average cost of \$343 per day. As people were individually interviewed, this number decreased to 80. As the process of asking people about moving and planning moves developed, additional people changed their minds. The total number desiring to move, including those already moved, is now 54. However, based on actual estimates for those people who had chosen to move, the original estimate of costs remained consistent.

STATUS

During the quarter ending September 30, 2002, eleven (11) individuals moved from the RHCs bringing the total to date for the biennium to 31 persons. The average daily cost for the individuals moving is \$284.38 per day. A total of 50 individuals were to have moved by the end of September. The division is behind schedule in moving people for several reasons: (1) finding affordable, accessible housing has proven difficult; (2) developing services that remain within available funding for people who have a high level of challenging support needs has proven difficult; and (3) finding two or more compatible roommates to share living quarters in order to reduce costs takes time, coordination, and increased effort. Some individuals are choosing to visit more than one residential option and are choosing personal agents to help them plan

for their respective community supports. These processes take more time than originally planned thus adding to the delay in placements. RHC Olmstead coordinators are working with resource managers in each region where an identified person wants to move in order to find appropriate housing and roommates. Coordinators/resource managers work with families and the individual when options are not available in their ideal choice of locations. Most often people want to move near their family and friends and this takes more time for the coordinators. These coordination challenges increase the time it takes to move an individual. We believe that people have changed their minds about moving for different reasons, but one prominent reason mentioned is the uncertainty raised by the current state of the economy. Families believe that state-run institutions will remain but fear that community services may not always be available. Rainier School has the greatest number of people interested in moving so an additional case manager has been assigned to Rainier School to facilitate placements. Additionally, at Rainier School they are reviewing all Individual Habilitation Plans to see if others not on the move list have in the past expressed interest in moving or if their team thinks a move is appropriate. When these people are identified, the Olmstead coordinator will contact them. Finding appropriate housing and finding people who can live together are major concerns. RHC and Regional Olmstead Coordinators continue to work together to find appropriate placements for those people desiring to move.

NEXT STEPS

The Division of Developmental Disabilities will continue the process of asking each individual living in an RHC and their representatives whether they are interested in moving to the community for services. This procedure is completed annually at the time of each individual IHP (Individual Habilitation Plan) meeting. The division will continue to try to move people at the rate authorized in the appropriation. As reflected within the attached 1st quarter data, 31 of the 54 people expressing a desire to move have now moved.

CONTINGENCY

RHC cottages will be closed as people moving into the community create vacancies. As cottages are closed, staff will be reduced in the RHCs. Cottage closures and staff reductions depend on the movement of people from the RHCs into the community. If less than 80 people move from the RHCs, fewer cottages will be consolidated and closed and fewer staff will be reduced.

OLMSTEAD MONITORING FIRST QUARTER FY 03

	Initials of Person	Previous Residence	Region Moved To	Residential Start Date	Residential Daily Rate	Day Program Daily Rate	Therapies Daily Rate	Other Daily Rate	Total Daily Expenditure
1	DS	Fircrest	Region 4	11/1/2001	277.48	23.89	7.24	3.29	311.90
2	DG	Rainier	Region 6	11/30/2001	355.00	55.00	5.00	20.96	435.96
3	DH	Rainier	Region 4	12/3/2001	259.86	23.89	14.79	6.58	305.12
4	CH	Fircrest	Region 4	12/3/2001	263.20	23.89	9.92		297.01
5	VK	FHMC	Region 4	12/3/2001	263.20	23.89	8.12		295.21
6	BG	FHMC	Region 4	12/3/2001	263.20	23.89	8.12		295.21
7	BH	Yakima	Region 5	12/12/2001	260.00	20.00			280.00
8	DL	Lakeland	Region 1	1/11/2002	360.01	16.2	10.00	5.00	391.21
9	SM	Rainier	Region 4	1/28/2002	263.20	23.89	8.12		295.21
10	RV	Rainier	Region 5	2/28/2002	248.15	20.00	10.00	10.00	288.15
11	BH	Rainier	Region 5	2/28/2002	248.15	20.00	10.00	10.00	288.15
12	GH	Rainier	Region 4	3/2/2002	295.38	23.89	11.51		330.78
13	EF	Rainier	Region 2	3/25/2002	307.61			10.91	318.52
14	TC	Rainier	Region 4	4/1/2002	279.28	23.89	1.21		304.38
15	RG	Rainier	Region 5	4/29/2002	262.16	20.00	15.01		297.17
16	EE	Fircrest	Region 4	5/14/2002	259.2	23.89	4.93		288.02
17	AS	Fircrest	Region 4	5/21/2002		23.89	1.21		25.10
18	MR	Fircrest	Region 3	5/22/2002		23.89	10.00	121.01	154.90
19	LL	Rainier	Region 3	6/11/2002	293.17	23.89	10.00		327.06
20	TS	Rainier	Region 6	6/20/2002	277.26				277.26
21	RS	Rainier	Region 6	7/8/2002	277.26				277.26
22	JL	Fircrest	Region 3	7/12/2002	98.62	23.89	10.00	20.00	152.51
23	WD	Rainier	Region 4	7/22/2002	257.08	23.89			280.97
24	PB	Rainier	Region 5	7/29/2002	238	20.00	9.87	9.87	277.74
25	DA	Rainier	Region 5	7/29/2002	238	20.00	9.87	9.87	277.74
26	DW	Rainier	Region 4	8/17/2002	328.04	23.89	1.97		353.90
27	SS	Rainier	Region 4	9/3/2002	250.94	23.89	2.5	1.64	278.97
28	YE	Rainier	Region 4	9/4/2002	245.25		8.22	6.54	260.01
29	TJ	Rainier	Region 4	9/18/2002	256.14	23.89			280.03
30	RH	Rainier	Region 4	9/23/2002	286.16	23.89	2.85		312.90
31	DA	Rainier	Region 4	9/27/2002	201.35	23.89		32.22	257.46

Average Daily Expenditure
30-Sep-02

284.38